

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PERIGUEUX AND THE PERIGORD, FRANCE

LOCATION: The region of Perigord is situated in the *department* of Dordogne, in southwestern France. Its major city is Perigueux. The town is situated on a limestone plateau overlooking the Isle River. Elevations are close to 300 feet above sea level. The area is noted for its prehistoric cave art, for its truffles and *foie gras*, and for its many chateaus. The area is extremely popular with French tourists, especially during the summer months. Many of the facilities are closed during the winter.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:11	10:23	11:54	13:29	14:51	15:35	15:17	14:06	12:36	11:01	9:36	8:50
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:34	3:33	5:01	5:55	6:31	7:28	7:56	7:15	6:16	4:49	3:04	2:23
AREA OF BLUE SKY	24%	26%	31%	31%	29%	35%	41%	41%	39%	34%	28%	24%
LOW FOR MONTH	15 °	22 °	26 °	30 °	37 °	43 °	46 °	44 °	40 °	34 °	25 °	23 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	33 °	34 °	37 °	41 °	48 °	54 °	56 °	55 °	50 °	44 °	38 °	34 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	47 °	51 °	57 °	62 °	69 °	75 °	81 °	80 °	76 °	65 °	55 °	49 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	58 °	63 °	70 °	74 °	79 °	86 °	93 °	92 °	87 °	78 °	66 °	60 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	45%	44%	29%	14%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	28%	42%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	12%	7%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	75%	67%	59%	55%	57%	58%	55%	57%	61%	66%	72%	76%
DRY DAYS	47%	49%	52%	50%	51%	60%	66%	64%	63%	57%	53%	48%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	76%	76%	74%	74%	79%	84%	83%	81%	76%	76%	75%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.42	0.48	0.45	0.45	0.49	0.45	0.34	0.32	0.37	0.48	0.48	0.53
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	7%	8%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	2%	3%	4%	11%	12%	11%	12%	8%	3%	2%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	18%	13%	11%	11%	10%	11%	12%	15%	20%	22%	21%	20%

COMMENTS: : Bright sunshine is likely on 42% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 27% in December, to a high of 52% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 11°, and the highest should be near 94°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. The area's weather is strongly influenced by the westerly winds off of the Bay of Biscay, and by the frontal systems that they bring with them. These fronts pass across the Perigord at intervals of three to five days, on the average. Summer afternoons are warm to hot, with cool nights. The winds off the Bay keep the winters from getting as cold as places farther west. Only three or four winter days will remain below freezing during the afternoons. Snow is common enough, but rarely remains on the ground for more than a few days at a time.